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## COMMUNICATION

This Communication is being submitted with the Amendment filed August 13, 2003 in order to record the substance of the personal interview held on July 1, 2003 with Examiner Russel.

Applicants' attorney provided the Examiner with proposed amended claims including the introduction of certain negative claim limitations in Claim 1. All of these were presented to overcome the art rejections from Paper No. 14 and found support within the Specification as filed. Certain other minor amendments were proposed to claims 4,5 and 30 to overcome the 112 rejections.

Applicants' attorney also proposed providing a new Substitute Specification to include changes to the sequence numbering used in the application. The statement of no new matter which was omitted in the response containing the prior Substitute Specification will be included with the new Substitute Specification.

No other specific matters were discussed.

The outcome of the interview was that Applicants' attorney agreed to make the

proposed changes in order to overcome the outstanding rejections. The Examiner indicated that these changes might put the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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